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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the working group on trends in national institutional arrangements. The report is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward based on the findings of the evaluation exercise conducted on national geospatial information management entities.

Summary of the report

At its fifth session, held in New York from 5 to 7 August 2015, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 5/106, in which it welcomed the report prepared by the working group on trends in national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management and by its three task teams, took note of the extensive analysis of the questionnaires that had generated a valuable source of information to be used in the future and expressed its appreciation to Member States for their contributions. The Committee of Experts acknowledged the importance and complexity of national institutional arrangements and the broad scope of processes they attempted to capture and provided guidance as to how the working group might evaluate the status of efforts in national institutional arrangements, including to provide additional clarity on the process and on conclusions drafted, ensuring that further efforts would be made to avoid duplication of the work of other working

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groups within the Committee of Experts, and ensuring that its deliberations and outcomes were more focused. In order to achieve this, the Committee of Experts encouraged Member States to actively participate in the work programme of the working group.

In its report, working group details the work it and its three task groups have undertaken during the intercessional period as follows: production systems analysis, coordinated by Spain; funding structures, dissemination systems and data policy models, coordinated by Mexico; and the structure of geospatial information management organizations and the role of volunteered geographic information, coordinated by Singapore. The methodology and index for determining best practices in national institutional arrangements in geospatial information management are presented in the report for consideration and approval.